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AMENDMENT

Applicant(s):	Arnold E. Ruoho et al.	Docket No.:	96429/9079 US
Serial No.:	09/389,835	Group Art Unit:	1646
Filed:	September 3, 1999	Examiner:	M. Brannock
For:	BACTERIORHODOPSIN/G PROTEIN-COUPLED RECEPTOR CHIMERAS		

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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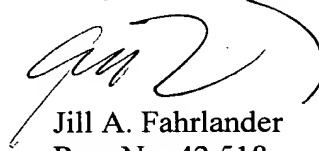
In the matter of the above-identified application, and in response to the Office Action mailed May 7, 2002, Applicants respond as follows.

The Examiner noted that Applicants' amendment, mailed January 22, 2002, had been entered and imposed a restriction requirement. Claims 2-12 and 15-18, drawn to a bacteriorhodopsin/G-protein-coupled receptor protein chimera and methods of producing the chimera, were assigned to Group I; claims 13 and 14, drawn to methods of screening for molecules interacting with a G-protein-coupled receptor protein, were assigned to Group II. Claims 19-28, which depend directly or indirectly from Group I claims 2, 3, or 4, were not assigned to a Group. In a June 24, 2002 telephone conference, Examiner Brannock clarified to Attorney Jill A. Fahrlander, Applicants' representative, that claims 19-28 are included in Group I.

Applicants were also required to elect a species. Applicants elect Group I, and elect the chimeric bacteriorhodopsin/ β -2 adrenergic receptors.

This response is accompanied by a petition for a one-month extension of time and by check number 44667 in the amount of \$55.00 for the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1). No other fee is believed due in connection with this submission. However, if a fee is owed, please charge such fee to deposit account no. 50-0842.

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